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SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

Each year, representatives from the offices of Townsend Public Affairs and Simon & Company (the City’s state and federal government liaisons, respectfully) provide an update on the state and federal legislative landscape as well as potential funding opportunities available over the course of the upcoming year. This visit is timed to take place in early January, which aligns with the commencement of the various state and federal legislative calendars.

In addition to receiving the above annual updates, it is important for the City Council to identify policy priorities or projects that are germane to the City of San Leandro’s interests at the state and federal level in 2022. Such documented priorities enable members of the City Council, City staff, or the City’s advocates to issue letters, attend meetings, or otherwise take action as opportunities arise over the year ahead. To this end, a draft of the annual state and federal legislative platforms are also included in the agenda packet for the City Council’s consideration.

Fiscal Impacts

The costs for the City’s contracts with both Townsend Public Affairs and Simon & Company for federal advocacy services, along with anticipated costs for potential attendance at U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities events are already appropriated in the adopted current fiscal year City budget and no additional appropriations are requested or anticipated at this time.

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